partmental adjudication proceedings and also prosecuted in Courts of Law, in appropriate cases. They are also detained under the provisions of the Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Activities Act, 1974 if considered necessary,

(b) and (c) The value of seizure* effected by the Customs authorities during the last three years, of important commodities, js given in the table below.

(Vaiue : Rs. in crores)

Commodities	1987	1938	1p89* (up to 31st July)
Gold	65.78	200.53	177.27
		10.56	26.84
Currency	8.73	13.18	5.48
Watches	11.02	3.27	1.41
		24.24	8.99
Synthetic fabrics	8.75	11.41	4.63

♦Figures arc provisional.

Smuggling being a clandestine activity, it is not feasible to estimate the extent of increase or decline in such activities at any given time.

Advance plan assistance for textile -mills in Maharashtra

3107. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAIAN- Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

£a) whether Maharashtra Government has asked for any advance plan assistance to run the closed textile mills in the State; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what decision the Central Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The Central Government had received a proposal from Maharashtra Government regarding Advance Plan assistance for the revival of Shreeniwas Mills, Bombay and Khandes Spinning and Weaving Mills Jalgaon, However, the same was not agreed to' as the units were found unviable.

Permission by RBI for opening bank branches at Loni, Uttar Pradesh

3108. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALA VIYA; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of banks to which the Reserve Bank of India has given permission to open their branches in the residential area of Loni in Uttar Pradesh border during the current year and for the next year; and

(b) by when bank facility would be made available to the residents of the said areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE I DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that the centre Loni is being served by a branch of State Bank of India and no bank has been allotted a licence for opening a branch in the residential